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57/158. United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002

The General Assembly,

Recalling the international conventions dealing with the protection of cultural and natural heritage, including the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict adopted at The Hague in 1954[1] and the two Protocols thereto, the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property,[2] and the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage,[3] as well as the 1989 Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore[4] and the 2001 Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity,[5]

Welcoming the ratification of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage by one hundred and seventy-five States parties, and noting the inscription of more than seven hundred and thirty sites on the World Heritage List,

Mindful of the importance of protecting the world cultural tangible and intangible heritage as a common ground for the promotion of mutual understanding and enrichment among cultures and civilizations,

Bearing in mind the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation")[6] which calls for actions to promote sustainable tourism development in order to increase the benefits from tourism resources for the population in host communities while maintaining the cultural and environmental integrity of host communities and enhancing the

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[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 249, No. 3511.

[2] Ibid., vol. 823, No. 11806.

[3] Ibid., vol. 1037, No. 15511.

[4] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twenty-fifth Session, Paris, 17 October-16 November 1989*, vol. 1, *17 October-16 November 1989*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*, annex IB annex I.B.

[5] Ibid., *Thirty-first Session, Paris, 15 October-3 November 2001*, vol. 1 and corrigendum, *Resolutions*, resolution 25, annex I.

[6] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

protection of ecologically sensitive areas and natural heritages by, int
enhancing international cooperation,

Noting the work already undertaken to protect the world cultural and
heritage by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organ
including international campaigns,

Taking into consideration the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention
Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage in 2002,

Taking note of the decision taken by the Executive Board of the United
Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and sixty
session with regard to the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002,[1]

Recalling its resolution 56/8 of 21 November 2001, in which it pro
2002 as the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage and invited the
Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to serve as t
agency for the year,

1. *Declares* the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage concluded

2. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and
Organization, in collaboration with States, observers, relevant United
bodies, within their respective mandates, other international organizatio
relevant non-governmental organizations, to continue to intensi
implementation of programmes, activities and projects aimed at the promot
protection of the world cultural heritage;

3. *Invites* Member States and observers to continue to promote ed
and raise public awareness to foster respect for national and world cultural he

4. *Reaffirms* the importance of further developing international mec
for safeguarding and protecting the world cultural heritage, and encour
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to explore
ways to intensify international cooperation in this regard, inter alia, by con
the merits of convening an international conference on strengthen
consolidating international mechanisms for safeguarding and protecting th
cultural heritage;

5. *Invites* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Sc
and Cultural Organization to address and present to the General Assembl
fifty-eighth session an overview of the activities undertaken during the
Nations Year for Cultural Heritage;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth se
item entitled "Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage".

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[1] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Decisions Adopted by the*
Board at its One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Session, Paris, 21–30 May 2002 (164 EX/I
decision 7.1.2.